

A tale of two concentration camp prisoners:

One had false hope and died sick and in despair.

The other set his hope on Christ and died with joy that transcends understanding—executed days before his camp was liberated.

- I. Set your hope *fully* on the grace of Jesus Christ
 - a. The misplaced adverb (*fully*) in the NIV
 - b. *The apocalypse of Jesus Christ* 1 Peter 1:13b
 - c. Foundation of our living hope: Jesus' resurrection
 - d. Focus of our future hope: Jesus' revelation
- II. The big reveal
 - a. When Jesus is revealed, *God* is revealed
 - b. When Jesus is revealed, believers are transformed
 - c. God's desire and design is to be known to the world
- III. "Having girded up the loins of the mind"
 - a. The Greek behind "with minds that are alert"
 - b. Peter's vivid word picture for alertness and readiness
 - c. For Peter's first-century audience: Christians in exile
 - d. For the Holy Spirit's audience today: the church

*Redeem thy misspent time that's past,
And live this day as if thy last;
Improve thy talent with due care;
For the great day thyself prepare.*

"Awake, My Soul" v. 2
Thomas Ken, circa 1670